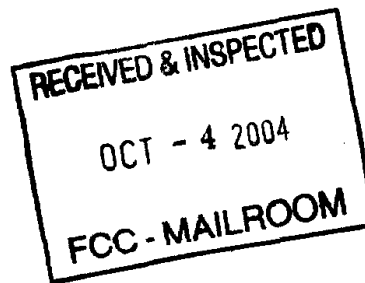


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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 03-103  
Ex Parte Comments

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Northwest Airlines is aware that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is planning to restructure its rules in the 800 MHz Air-Ground Radiotelephone Band.

Northwest Airlines enthusiastically endorses this project, and urges the FCC to proceed as rapidly as possible. There are a number of interesting technological applications which (airline believes will benefit consumers that are awaiting development pending the FCC's decisions.

Northwest Airlines also hopes that the Commission will carefully examine the question of whether it is technically feasible for multiple broadband providers to occupy the band. Assuming the FCC reaches the conclusion that this can be done, there is no doubt that airlines and consumers would best be served by allowing competition between multiple vendors. Competition will control consumer prices, foster the development of new capabilities, and encourage rapid implementation of new service offerings by (airline) and others.

Sincerely,

Andrew C. Roberts

cc: J. Tim Griffin

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